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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference T04F1295		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC		
Applicant TANAKA SEIMITSU KOGYO CO., LTD.		

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. I | Basis of the opinion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
 in written format
 in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
 contained in the international application as filed.
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3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement																			
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<p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>Document 1: JP, 2000-509467, A (Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co.), 25 July, 2000 (25.07.00), page 14, lines 11-12, page 26, lines 5-8 & WO, 97/38236, A1, page 8, lines 19-20, page 20, lines 12-16 & US, 6524681, B1, column 5, lines 50-52, column 12, line 64 to column 13, line 3 & EP, 89896, A</p> <p>Document 2: JP, 2000-345141, A (TOKAI CARBON CO., LTD.), 12 December, 2000 (12.12.00), claim 3, paragraph [0019], Table 1</p> <p>Document 3: JP, 10-8034, A (Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.), 13 January, 1998, paragraph [0009], Table 1</p> <p>Inventions related to claims 1 and 3 do not appear to be novel and inventive on account of the document 1 cited in the ISR.</p> <p>Inventions related to claims 2 and 4 do not appear to be inventive on account of the documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR. Applying the art for using calcined coke as a friction material and the art using one with particle size 300-800μm described in document 2 to the friction material for transmission described in document 1 is easy to a person skilled in the art.</p> <p>Inventions related to claims 7-10 do not appear to be inventive on account of the documents 1 and 3 cited in the ISR. Applying the art for including a thermosetting resin, graphite and a metal fiber to the friction material described in document 3 to the friction material for transmission described in document 1 is easy to a person skilled in the art.</p> <p>Inventions related to claims 5, 6, 11 and 12 are not described in any of the documents cited in the ISR, nor are obvious to a person skilled in the art.</p>																			